

## **Israel's Failure, Part 2**

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### I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 10.

B. Israel was ignorant God's righteousness. (Jeremiah 9, Isaiah 1:2; 5:13, Luke 23:34)

### II. Explaining Israel's unbelief.

A. God's sovereignty. Israel's rejection does not violate God's plan because this was part of the plan all along.

B. Israel's unbelief. Israel sought salvation by works and not by faith.

### III. Israel was ignorant of the righteousness of God.

A. Righteousness is the basic characteristic of God. It means that God is right.

B. Holiness is moral perfection. (1 Samuel 2:2, Exodus 16:11, Exodus 20, Deuteronomy 12)

C. God reveals his perfection in worship. He demands to be worshipped alone. (Deuteronomy 6, Matthew 22:40)

D. God puts high standards into family because he is holy. (Genesis 2:23-24; Deuteronomy 6; Leviticus 19; 10:9; Deuteronomy 15:7)

E. A life was expected of a life except for certain circumstances. (Genesis 5:9, Deuteronomy 21)

F. God has righteous standards for abortion. (Job 10:9, Psalm 39, Luke 1, Exodus 21)

G. God has righteous standards for sex. (Proverbs 5:15, Song of Solomon 8, Hebrews 13:4; Leviticus 18:23)

H. God's standard is absolute perfection. (1 Samuel 16)

**Application Questions:**

1. How can Israel's unbelief be reconciled with the gospel?

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2. What does it mean that God is righteous?

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3. How have you neglected God's righteous standard? How does the cross meet our need for righteousness?

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